

Town of Haysi  
Minutes of Regular Town Council Meeting  
May 3, 2011 @ 7:05 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Haysi Town Council was held on May 3, 2011, in the Council Chambers of the Haysi Town Hall Municipal Building located at 322 Main Street, Haysi, Virginia. The following members were present:

Present: Mayor Larry Yates  
Vice Mayor Michael Harris

Council Members: Diana Reedy,  
Rocky Wood  
Johnnie Branham  
Barry Whitt

Absent: Council Member Joe Sperow

**ITEMS # I & II**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Yates. Chief Wallace offered the Invocation

**ITEM # III - APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

At this time Mayor Yates asked Council for any additions or changes to the agenda. Haysi Lady Softball Team was added to New Business item B. With no further additions or changes the motion was made by Council Member Rocky Wood and seconded by Council Member Diana Reedy to approve the agenda with changes. Let the record show the motion on the floor was passed unanimously by verbal voting.

**ITEM # IV – APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Prior to the meeting, Council had received for consideration of approval copies of the following prepared minutes:

- April 5, 2011 Regular Town Council Meeting
- April 19, 2011 Budget Workshop for Fiscal Year 2011-12

Mayor Yates entertained a motion for approval. A motion was made by Council Member Rocky Wood, seconded by Council Member Barry Whitt to approve the minutes as presented. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting.

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**ITEM # V – FINANCIAL REPORT**

After inspection of the current list of payables, a motion was made by Council Member Diana Reedy, seconded by Council Member Johnnie Branham to approve the financial reports, and expenditures. Let the record show the motion on the floor was passed unanimously by verbal voting.

**ITEM # VI – OLD BUSINESS**

**Police Activity Report**

Chief Wallace gave an oral summary of calls for service and investigations for the month of April. He reported April was a very busy month especially the last week. Chief Wallace reported the following:

DUI	0	DIP	0
Traffic Summons	20	Parking Tickets	0
Business Checks	0	Business Escorts	0
Vehicle Stops	19	Assist Motorist	03
Incidents Reports	17	Felony Investigation	.75 hrs
Warning Issues	04	Stationary Radar	7.50
Shoplifting	01	Warrant Served	10

Chief Wallace reported the town had been working on a case at the Dollar General for almost a year and the case has been resolved.

Mayor Yates asked is there a problem with the crown vic?

Chief Wallace reported minor problem, wipers not working.

**FY-2011-2012 Budget**

Mayor Yates reported after the April 19<sup>th</sup> meeting a change to the expenditures was made to the FY/2011-2012 purposed budget to include the loan payment to Rural Development. If no further changes or corrections are needed to the FY/2011-2012 purposed budget, he suggested advertising the purposed budget, and scheduling a public hearing. At this time Mayor Yates asked for any corrections or changes to the FY/ 2011-2012 budget.

With no additions or changes to the FY/2011-2012 proposed budget the motion was made by Council Member Johnnie Branham and seconded by Council Member Rocky Wood to schedule a public hearing on June 7, 2011 at 6:45 PM to receive public

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comment on the FY/2011-2012 proposed budget. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting.

## **ITEM # VII – NEW BUSINESS**

### **Haysi Little League-Donation**

With no representation for the Haysi Little League the item was tabled until June meeting.

### **Haysi High School Girls Softball Team-Donation**

Coach Darrol Poston came before the council to ask for funding for the Haysi Lady Tigers Softball Team. He explained to the council Spring sports does not generate as much revenue as the Fall/Winter sports. He said the money would be used for items needed by the team and to help summer camp.

After a general discussion the motion was made by Council Member Rocky Wood and seconded Council Member Johnnie Branham to donate \$800.00 to the Haysi Lady Tigers Softball Team.

## **ITEM #VIII—MAYOR COMMENTS**

Mayor Yates reported the Appalachian Gateway Assessment Team will arrive on May 11, and depart on May 13. He said team will be visiting the town, the Breaks Interstate Park, the Birchleaf community, Clintwood area, and Route 611. He said anyone who wants to visit with the team is welcomed to do so.

Mayor Yates mentioned Gene Counts has a group from Vista working in and around town streams.

Mayor Yates reported at the last Dickenson County PSA meeting the authority passed a resolution supporting the Haysi/Birchleaf sewer extension.

## **ITEM # IX – COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Council Member Johnnie Branham stated he is concerned with the increase of sewer smell when sewer is extended to the Haysi/Birchleaf area.

Mayor Yates commented the Birchleaf area was part of the original plan. When the extension is made, a dog leg near the high school will be engineer out, solving smell problems.

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Council Johnnie Branham commented upgrading the sewer treatment plant did not fixed the problem, so hopefully eliminating the dog leg will.

Mayor Yates stated he thinks the extension of sewer to the Birchleaf area will help cure some of the smell problems, and also, generate cash flow to the plant hoping to prevent rate increases.

Council Member Diana Reedy asked how many additional customers will be added.

Mayor Yates replied approximately 80 homes.

**ITEM # X - PUBLIC COMENTS**

Nadean Belcher stated there are still problems in the bottom with dogs, and junk vehicles.

Mayor Yates asked has there been any improvement.

Nadean Belcher replied very little. Dogs are still running loose and the dog lots smell. I want the bottom back, I use to live in.

Mayor Yates replied the town has an ordinance pertaining to junk vehicles, and if according to the ordinance if the vehicle is considered junk, then the town can remove the vehicle.

Council Member Diana Reedy asked are the vehicle drivable.

Nadean Belcher replied they are not drivable, but there is one that does run a little.

Council Member Diana Reedy said if the vehicle is running and has tags, there is nothing the town can do about the vehicle.

Nadean Belcher stated she thought the town had an ordinance stating dog and cats had to be spade or neutered.

Mayor Yates commented the ordinance reads after the animal reaches a certain age the animal must be vaccinated, and tagged to prove ownership.

Chief Wallace commented he has received complaints concerning animals in the bottom. He said he had spoken with the resident; residents are complaining about and issued them a verbal warning, and a copy of the town ordinance. He said on the trash situation, a copy of the ordinance has been giving to the resident, and has informed them they have two weeks to correct the problem. He said no tickets have been issued.

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Mayor Yates stated he wants to see strong action taken on the animal control issue. He asked what the procedure to remove abandon vehicles is.

Chief Wallace replied once the vehicle is determined to be abandoned, and it is not moved within a certain time period, then the vehicle can be towed.

Council Member Johnnie Branham asked doesn't the state have a tag they leave on an abandon vehicle giving the owner time to remove the vehicle.

Chief Wallace replied "yes, so does the town, but only use them if a vehicle is a traffic hazard".

Ms. Edwards stated the business at the end of town has railroad ties and yellow ribbon around the property. In her opinion this takes away from the look of the veteran's memorial. She asked does the property owner have a right to section off the property.

Mayor Yates stated the town cannot tell someone what they can or cannot do with their property.

**ITEM # XI – ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business to be brought before the Council, a motion was made by Council Member Diana Reedy, seconded by Council Member Johnnie Branham to adjourn the meeting. Let the record show the motion was passed unanimously by verbal voting and the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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Larry D. Yates, Mayor

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Attest: